Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Volunteers recognized for steadfast support

Randy Murray Public Affairs Specialist

Nearly 100 of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's hard-working volunteers were recognized in a two-hour long, formal ceremony at Club Stewart, June 9. Awardees and luncheon guests were welcomed by Army Community Service Director, Donna Finney, then the food was blessed by Chaplain (Col.) Clarence



Leslie Terranova, FRG leader for HHC, 2nd Bn., 3rd Avn. is recognized as the Installation Volunteer of the Year for Hunter.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division and installation commander, was guest speaker for the event.

Lynch's speech followed Yolanda Hingel's rendition of the National Anthem along with some of her other selections, and an introduction by Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrision commander.

Lynch began his remarks by joking with the guests that before he stood up to speak, his wife had advised him to spit out his chewing gum and wipe food off his face. Without his wife there to tell him, he said he wonders now how many times he had food on his face during his 15-months in Iraq. The room filled with laughter when he suggested that Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Edward Cardon, Chief of Staff, Col. Mark McKnight, and 3rd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews would keep such embarrassing information to themselves. Putting joking aside, Lynch then focused on the purpose of the day's ceremony.

"You don't do it for pay or recognition. You do it to make a difference," Lynch told the volunteers he was about to recognize. In the 31 years he's been in the Army, Lynch said he has never seen so many volunteers willing to make a difference in their community.

Department of the Army Certificates of Achievement signed by Lynch were presented by him, his wife, Sarah, Andrews and his wife, Frankie, for the Commanding General's Pot of Gold awards, Volunteer of Distinction awards, Volunteer of Merit awards, Installation Youth Volunteer of the Year awards and Installation Volunteer of the Year awards.

One by one, each recipient was named and called forward to receive his or her certificate with a photo opportunity. A total of 158 Pot of Gold awardees and 18 Volunteers of the Year finalists could have been called though nearly 60 were not present for the ceremony.

Adrian "Matthew" Farrall, a Boy Scout and event planner for the Family Readiness Group, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation was recognized as the Youth Volunteer of the Year for Hunter Army Airfield. Kelly McKinnon, a volunteer with Army Family Team Building, Army Family Action Plan, ACS, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Public Affairs Office was the Youth Volunteer of the Year for Fort Stewart.

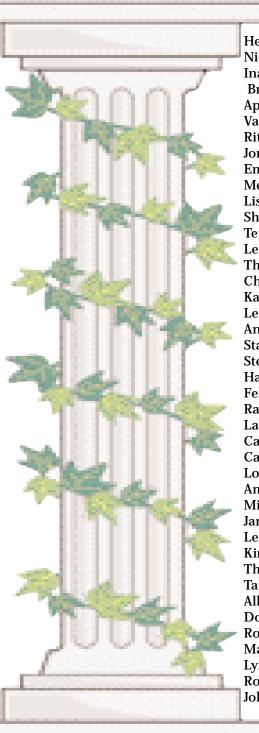
Recognized as the Installation Volunteer of the Year for Hunter was Leslie Terranova, FRG leader for HHC, 2nd Bn, 3rd Avn. For Fort Stewart, the Installation Volunteer of the Year was Holli Gorsuch, a Cub Scout leader and FRG volunteer with 1st Bn, 64th Armor.

Throughout the long ceremony, the Lynches and Andrews maintained a sense of humor, having particular fun with narrator Finney's Texas twang. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Finney maintained this lighter moment, by inviting the general to make closing comments, this time enunciating each syllable of his rank and name. Lynch accepted her offer with a chuckle then ended the ceremony with words of sincere gratitude.

"That took us a couple hours, but it was worth every second," he told the volunteers, their Families and supporters. "Peace... peace was something I had while I was in Iraq because I knew my Soldiers and their Families were being taken care of back here by you wonderful volunteers."



The Fort Stewart Installation Volunteer of the Year is Holli Gorsuch, a Cub Scout leader and FRG volunteer with 1st Bn, 64th Armor.



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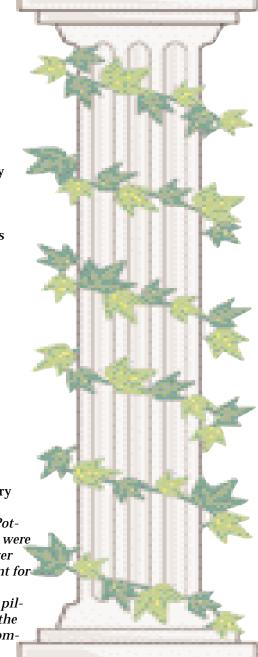
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Editors note: 158 Potof-Gold recipients were recognized; however not all were present for the ceremony. All are considered pillars of support to the Stewart-Hunter community.



Raider Brigade honors Family volunteers for their sacrifice

Spc. Ricardo Branch

1st BCT, Public Affairs

The 1st Brigade Combat Team honored the contributions of Family members during a

Club Stewart.

Tara Kaplan

Amy Keeter

Veronica Kennedy

Heather Ketchmark

Sixty-four volunteers were recognized for their work for the Soldiers and Families of the Raider Brigade during the unit's deploy-

Spc. Ricardo Branch

volunteer appreciation ceremony, June 4 at ment to Iraq's Al-Anbar province.

"Our volunteers have served so selflessly and lovingly to take care of our Families while we have been deployed," said Col. John Charlton, 1st BCT commander. "We all know firsthand how difficult it is for the Families when Soldiers leave; there's really no way we can make it through a deployment without their support."

The Families dealt with the everyday issues that could arise in the 15-months the Soldiers were away and conducted numerous activities to help one another cope with the stresses of a loved one in combat.

"We made sure the kids were prepared for school, did community events around the area, welcomed returning Soldiers, and many other things for the families of the Soldiers," said Larie Gruber, a Family readiness group co-leader with 3rd Brigade

Support Battalion. One of the main reason's military spouses contribute their time to the FRG is to know

what's going on with their deployed loved ones and the support they receive from other families. "I wanted more information, so I started asking questions and was directed to the

FRG, where I found more people like me,"

tough time."

The brigade commander and unit FRG leaders presented the volunteers a rose and a certificate of appreciation for their volun-

"It's great to be recognized and makes you feel honored, because you don't expect to be recognized," said 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor FRG leader Julie Cassels. "We took care of one another while everyone was away."

The work of the FRGs was monumental in helping the brigade, not just for the Families at home but for those deployed in Iraq.

"With us supporting one another back here, Soldiers were able to go out and do their missions without worrying about home," Cassels said. "That's what made me want to be a part of the FRG, knowing I was helping out to do my part in making a differ-

ence here." Charlton said that the amount of support the FRG gave to the Families and Soldiers during his three deployments to Iraq is phenomenal.

"It's heartwarming to see the kindness and love that comes from our FRGs," Charlton said. "Unfortunately, we've had a lot of practice from deployments, but it's great to see that we get better and better each time. I'm Gruber said. "It's great to see us all come truly honored to be standing in front of some together to help one another through a great volunteers, who made that possible."

Lt. Col. Clifford Wheeler, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to Stephanie Monroe, a Family Readiness Group volunteer, June 4, during the 1st BCT Volunteer Recognition cermony at Club Stewart.

MWR Briefs

Learn to Scuba

Come to the open water Scuba certification classes at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Classes are open to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, Family members, retirees, DoD civilians, and contract employees. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. For more information, including a class schedule, pricing, medical requirements and more, call 767-9336 (Stewart) or 315-2019 (Hunter).

Youth, get fit, win cool prizes

Youth ages 11-18 are invited to participate in a fitness challenge to win cool prizes! The contest will run from now until June 20 at Jordan Youth Gym. Pick up a checklist at Jordan Youth Gym and complete any exercise that works the ten muscle groups mentioned on the checklist. Once completed, turn in your sheet to receive a free Jordan Gym fitness t-shirt and have your name entered in a drawing for one of the grand prizes! All checklists must be turned in by close of business, June 20 to be eligible to win the grand prizes. For more information, call 767-1428.

Play golf after work

Attention all military, DoD civilians, contractors and non DoD civilians! Come to Happy Hour at Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club! Both courses will offer special twilight rates starting at 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more info and special rates call 767-2370 (Stewart) or 315-9115 (Hunter).

Teen Night at Rocky's returns

Teen Night is back and more fun than ever! Dependent military ID cardholders are invited to Rocky's today from 5 to 10 p.m. for an evening of fun including a DJ, arcade/board games, Internet access, marshmallow shooting contest and karaoke. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 368-2212.

Summer Nutrition Program kicks off

Dependent youth ages 18 and under are eligible to eat a free lunch now through July 25 at the following locations: Bryan Village Youth Center, Southern Oaks Community Center, Diamond Elementary School, Corkan Family Recreation Center and Jordan Youth Gym. Lunch time is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 408-3088.

Youth, celebrate Army's birthday

Come to the Fort Stewart Youth Center from 5 to 7 p.m. today to celebrate the Army's birthday with children's activities, movies, games, prizes and barbecue cookout. For more information, call 767-4491.

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AAFES PRESENTS

TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY





Deception

Today — 7 p.m.

(Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams)

An accountant is introduced to a mysterious sex club known as The List by his lawyer friend. But in this new world, he soon becomes the prime suspect in a woman's disappearance and multi-million dollar heist. Rated R (sexual content, language, violence, drug use) 107 min.

Iron Man

Friday — 7 p.m. (Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard)

Tony Stark is a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating weapon. Instead, using his intelligence and ingenuity, Tony builds a high-tech suit of armor and escapes captivity. When he uncovers a nefarious plot with global implications, he dons his powerful armor and vows to protect the world as Iron Man. Rated PG13 (intense sci-fi action/violence, sugesstive content) 129 min.

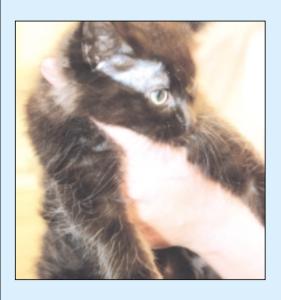
Speed Racer

Saturday, Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci)

Speed Racer who is a young man with natural racing instincts whose goal is to win The Crucible, a car racing rally that took the life of his older brother, Rex Racer. Speed finds support from his parents and his girlfriend Trixie and enters The Crucible in a partnership with his one-time rival, Racer X, seeking to rescue his family's business and the racing sport itself. Rated PG (violent action scenes, language, smoking) 98 min.

Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.



Pets of the Week

itty the kitten and Yella the Adog are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



Coastal Happenings Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Human Resource Management meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

Golf tournament announced

Performance Initiatives, Inc. is helping support AWWIN, Inc. in their third annual Golf Tournament at Savannah Harbor, Friday. Sponsors and players are needed. Please call Kerri Goodrich at 507-7106 or register at www.awwininc2.org.

Join the Junior Ranger Camp

Fort McAllister State Historic Park sponsors a Junior Ranger Camp for youth, ages 8 – 12, 9 a.m. to noon, June 23 to 27.

The Junior Rangers will experience nature first-hand, exploring Georgia's fascinating history while enjoying outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking Fort McAllister's scenic trails. The cost is \$50. To get there, take Georgia Spur 144, Fort McAllister Rd., Richmond Hill, Ga. Or I-95, to exit 90, then east on GA Hwy. 144. For more information, call 727-2339.

Eniov patriotic music

The Savannah Winds will present its annual Patriotic Concert 3 p.m., June 29 in the AASU Sports Center Arena. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. Call (912) 344-2801 for tickets and information. The program will include a military color guard, 15 musical numbers, presentation of Chatam County's Veteran of the Year, and a guest narration by a Senior Military Officer from Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield, yet to be named. The Savannah Winds is affiliated with AASU and performs several concerts each year, with proceeds dedicated to music scholarships at AASU.

See $\it www.armstrong.edu/SWinds$ for more information.

DAU offers learning opportunities

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the DoD requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years. The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the community. DAU would like to introduce Continuous Learning Modules online classes. Learn more at *clc.dau.mil*.

Attend the Red, White, Blue heritage day

Madison, Fla. – This 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 28 event features a political speech rally at the courthouse, horse and buggy historical tour, live music, picnic basket auction along with vendors and a barbeque cook-off. Call 850-973-9000 for informa-

tion. *Directions*: Head toward Jacksonville Fla. on I-95 S; take exit 362B to merge onto I-295 S; take exit 21B to merge onto I-10 W toward Lake City and Tallahassee; take exit 258 to merge onto SR-53 N toward Madison, Fla.

Spirit of Liberty Celebration scheduled

Patterson, Ga. – The event starts at 4 p.m., June 27-28. The celebration feature a classic car and truck show, gigantic fireworks display, live entertainment, poker run, softball tournaments and many vendors. Admission and parking are free. Call 912-647-5776 for more information.

Vietnam Moving Wall visits local area

The American Legion, J.E. Lanier Post 27 and the city of Richmond Hill will host The Moving Wall memorial to veterans of the Vietnam war. The city, veteran organizations and local military will welcome the arrival of The Moving Wall, today. The exhibition will be open 24 hours a day through June 16.

Come to Soldier-Family Appreciation

The Stewart-Hunter communities will host a Family Appreciation blowout from July 2-4. The event is to celebrate our Soldiers and their Families with concert performances, a carnival along with other fun events for the whole Family. The event will ramp up with a fireworks extravaganza July 4. Call MWR at 767- 2292 for more information.

Take time to relax, go fishing

The Liberty County Bass Club is looking for community members who enjoy fishing. The club is a diverse group of experience anglers who know where the good fishing spots are or want to know. The LCBC meets at Hinesville City Hall on the first Thursday of the month. Activities include participation in the Georgia Top Six Tournament each year, and host frequent local tournaments. For more information, call 320-2315.

Enjoy summer activities in Statesboro

Splash in the Boro is now open. The Raptor Center at Georgia Southern has opened their new wetlands wildlife exhibit and the museum has a new adventure maze that will challenge you to explore Georgia's different habitats.

Wind down in the evenings at Meinhardt Vineyards and Winery and get a taste of their new wine, Mill Creek! You also won't want to miss First Friday Downtown during the summer months.

Live Oak Public Libraries' programs

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library includes:

Preschool Story time

Join us for stories, songs, and more each Monday, 10:30 a.m.

at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children three to four years-old.

Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for ages one to two years old.

Nature Gran with Granny P

Stories, songs, and games help children learn more about spiders, snakes, camping, and much more at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library, 2 p.m., June 17. For ages 3 and older. Campfire Tales

Children ages 4 - 8, enjoy stories, games, and songs around the campfire, 7 p.m., June 18. Pajamas, flashlights, and pillows welcome!

Buzz Off!

Learn fascinating facts about mosquitoes in our area from the Chatham Co. Mosquito Control Dept. at the Liberty Branch Library 10:30 a.m., June 19 and at Midway-Riceboro Branch Library, 2 p.m., June 24. For ages five and older. Chad Crews

This fun show features Madagascar hissing cockroaches, giant millipedes, snakes and scorpions, 10:30 a.m., June 26 at the Liberty Branch Library. Open to all ages. How Does Your Garden Grow?

Bees, butterflies, and plants in a row--Join us for stories and start a garden to grow at Midway-Riceboro Branch Library 3 p.m., June 26. For ages 5 and older.

Fishing Fun

Children ages 5 and older, enjoy stories and crafts for indoor fishing fun 2 p.m., June 28.

Tea and Tales Book Group

Join us this time for a discussion of The Master Butcher's Singing Club, by Louise Erdrich at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library, 5:30 p.m., June 19. For more information, call 884-5742.

Computer Classes

Introduction to Windows:

A beginner's course on how to use the library's computers will be offered at the Liberty Branch Library 10:30 a.m., June 16. This course will cover using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

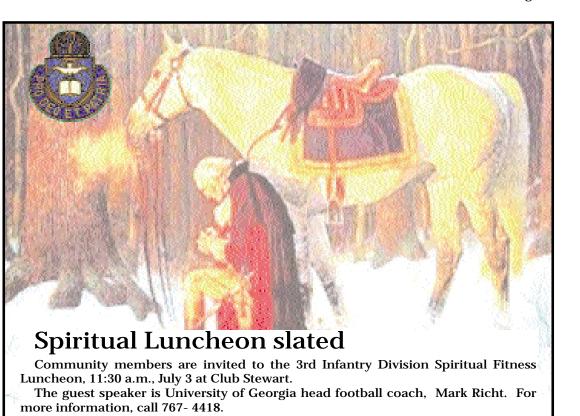
Introduction to Excel:

Learn how to create a simple spreadsheet and add graphs at the Liberty Branch Library, 11 a.m., June 28. Prerequisite: Introduction to Word or similar skills. Call 368-4003 to register.

Telfair holds military appreciation day

The Telfair Museum of Art will hold a Military Appreciation Day, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Servicemembers, veterans and Families will be granted free admission to each of the Telfair's three sites—the Telfair Academy, the Owens-Thomas House, and the Jepson Center for the Arts



HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Winn Briefs

Winn, Tuttle observes holiday

July 3 is a Medical Activity training holiday and July 4 is a federal holiday. On these days, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed July 3 and July 4. Full operations resume July 7. For more information, call 435-6965.

OB/GYN clinic to move

In preparation to serve you better, Winn Army Community Hospital's Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN Clinic will be relocating to a transition building at 1220 Niles Ave, building CT004, behind Winn's Emergency Department. The center and clinic will be closed in the afternoon July 18 and all day July 21. It will reopen July 22 at the new location on Niles Ave. This new location is for all OB/GYN Clinic appointments and Women's Wellness Center appointments, ultrasound and the Acute Care

Clinic. This relocation will allow for renovation of the old clinic and center. For more information, please call 435-6633.

Breast Cancer support group slated

The Fort Stewart breast cancer support group is scheduled to meet from noon to 1 p.m., June 17 at Army Community Service, 191 Lindquist Road, building 86. For more information, call Maj. Frederick Davidson with Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

Get school health screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital wants to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year.

Dental screenings are available Monday to Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1, Fort Stewart. For more information, call 767-

8513

Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Winn's Allergy and Immunization Clinic at 435-6633. Please bring child's shot records.

Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye and ear screening, call the appointment line, 435-6633.

Sport physicals are by appointment only in the Family Practice and Pediatrics clinics. To schedule a sports physical, call 435-6633.

Prevent heat injuries

As the hot days approach, The Department of Preventive Medicine monitors current WBGT/Heat Index to keep our Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees safe from heat injuries. For the current heat index please visit www.winn.amedd.army.mil/wetbulb.html. The WBGT/Heat Index number, 767-HEAT (767-4328) can also be used.

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Hunter GC Golf Scramble slated

Shotgun starts at 8 a.m., Friday. The entry fee is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. First 25 four-person teams only will be accepted. For more information, call 315-9115.

Go white water rafting

Take a trip to Bryson City, N.C. with Leisure Travel Friday through Sunday for a fun weekend of white water rafting down the Nantahala River! Cost is \$120 per person and includes bus trip, bunkhouse style lodging, rafting trip down the river, guides, and all other equipment. Meals are not provided; however, there is a restaurant on site.

Minimum age is 9 years old. For more information, call 767-4316.

Audition for Broadway

Visit the Fort Stewart Youth Center Saturday at 6 p.m. to see the SKIES Unlimited Kids 4 Broadway Production "Merlin and the Magic Sword." The performance is under the direction of Connor Snyder ("MASH" TV show star). Hunter will also hold a Kids 4 Broadway Production of "Merlin and the Magic Sword" 6 p.m., June 21 at the Hunter Theatre. Auditions will be held June 16 at 10 a.m. at the Hunter Theatre and are open to youth ages 8-18. There is no charge for either event. For more informa-

tion, call 767-6071.

Treat your dad to brunch

Visit Club Stewart and Hunter Club 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday for Father's Day Sunday Brunch! The menu will feature famous breakfast items, omelet station, carving station with pecan crusted pork loin with peach glaze, BBQ chicken and ribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, collard greens, potato salad, salad bar, and chocolate fountain with toppings. Cost \$14.95 per person, children ages 5-10 eat at half price and kids under 5 eat free.

Bring church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal. For more information, call 353-

7923 at Hunter or 368-2212 at Stewart.

Register now for Junior Golf Camp

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Youth are invited to visit Hunter Golf Club, June 16-17 from 10 to 11 a.m. for Junior Golf Camp! Cost is \$25 per junior (ages 7-14). Space is limited and youth must be registered no later than Sunday. For more information, call 315-9115.

Hunter Kids Fishing Derby slated

Join Outdoor Recreation at Hunter's Halstrom Pond for a morning of fun and fishing June 21 from 8 to 11 a.m. Open to children ages 15 and under at no charge. For more information, call 315-5163/9554.

Take advantage of EFMP respite care opportunities

Lynda Buechner

Army Community Service

Taking care of her 23-year-old son, Kelvin, is a full-time job for Areta Cummings, but with the help of the Army's Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care, Areta and her husband will be attending a Family reunion while Kelvin is cared for at a respite home in nearby Albany.

Areta is married to Staff Sgt. Floyd Cummings, who works as a motor specialist in the 366th Chemical Company, National

AFTB CLASS TAUGHT IN SPANISH

Conozca la Fuerza Armada, 2 to 4 p.m., June 26-26

Aprenda los acronimos, beneficios y la estructura de commando de la Fuerza Armada. Esta es una gran manera de relacionarse para alguien que es neuvo, a en la Fuerza Armada -- miembros de la familia, soldados, o civiles.

Learn the acronyms, benefits, and command structure of the Army. This is a great introduction for anyone new to the Army - Family members, Soldiers, or Civilians.

Army Family Team Building will teach this Level I "Meet the Army" class in Spanish for Family members to learn more about successful Army living.

To register, call 767-5058





Guard. The Cummings Family arrived at Fort Stewart one year ago, and until recently had no help caring for Kelvin, who is totally dependent and needs round-the-clock care.

"Once we got Kelvin registered as an EFM, we became eligible for the respite care program which pays for up to 40 hours each month for Kelvin's care," Cummings said. "Last month, we attended a show one evening, and went out for dinner on another night. We hired someone from a local agency to come in and care for Kelvin and paid for the service with the respite care money. It's great because they do range and motion exercises with him, rather than just sitting with him."

"Being able to attend the upcoming Family reunion is a true blessing," said Areta. "I never thought we would be able to leave him for an entire weekend. I am so looking forward to spending time with my Family, knowing that Kelvin is in a safe place, and it is such a relief to have respite care money to help pay for it," Areta said with a big smile.

"The Army Respite Care Program is a vital resource for fam-

ilies with an EFM, and there are many Families who are not taking advantage of it," said EFMP Manager Mavis Crowell. Crowell lamented that many Families who are eligible for the funds are not taking advantage of it. "There are over 2,500 enrollees in the EFMP at Stewart and Hunter, but only a handful of folks are using the respite care money available to them," she said.

"I hope more Families will come forward and use the program, because there is money just sitting there. It used to be that you had to use certain providers, but things have changed, and now you can choose your own provider," she explained. The Respite care funds can be used for a week of summer camp or in smaller increments throughout the month," Crowell said.

For information about the Exceptional Family Member Program, call 767-5058 or visit the Fort Stewart Army Community Service located on Lindquist Avenue in building



Aviation Brigade helps elementary students

Kavtrina Curtis

Soldiers from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade rear detachment proctored students at East Broad Elementary School in Savannah, Ga., for the recent Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Test assessment and were awarded certificates of appreciation for their selfless service, June 6.

Dr. Charlene Ford, principal EBES, said she is thankful for their help. "They were a tremendous asset to our ability to administer the test properly, and the children really enjoyed having them in the classroom."

Snapshots capture community involvement



Hunter mayors appointed

Kara Casto

Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Sampleton; New Gannam Mayor Gisella Conway; New Savannah Mayor Nicole Carter; ACS Mayor Program Coordinator Marcia Steele; New Gannam Mayor Jo Kramer; New Callaway, Betty Lynn Snelling; and Hunter Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Daniel Whitney, pose for a photo May 29 at the Hunter Club following the new mayor's appointment.

Summer hires hit the ground running



Khameron Mitcher

On the job his first day, summer hire Khameron Mitchem photographs Chief Warrant Officer Roberto Amoroso discussing the plan for Joel Page, Cynthia Butler, and Zachary Alston, summer hires set to work for DPTMS.



Youth ministry thanks choir

Courtesy photo

Charles Archer, Hunter youth ministry coordinator presents an award to Tramaine Quarterman, Jenkins High School choir director, June for the choir's performance at the Hunter Post Theater. The choir performed before and after the Saturday Afternoon Movie, "Music of the Heart".

\$3,000 REWARD

(0318-07-CID093-11068)

A reward of \$3,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for an assault upon two Soldiers at Rocky's Night Club, Fort Stewart, which occurred on the evening of Oct. 20, 2007.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident but not wishing to be identified will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the U.S. Army CID office located at Fort Stewart, Ga. at 767-4411.

For more information, call Special Agent Kim, or the Military Police Desk, Fort Stewart, Ga., 767-5030.

REWARD OFFER EXPIRES Oct. 27, 2008

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Invites all ladies to a summer session of Bible study, 10 a.m. to noon, each Wednesday, June 25 through July 30 at Marne Chapel. You are welcome to join in at any time and child care is available on site. For more information, please call 317-460-7096.



Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense civilian employees (NAF and APF) are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

New Families invited to newcomer expo

Hunter newcomers will want to visit the Newcomer's Expo and Community Fair at Hunter Club, June 19. Discover the many services available on the post and in the Savannah area, learn about your new community, and meet other new Families. The event will be held at Hunter Club from 4 to 6 p.m. Earlier the same day, the monthly bus tour of the installation and the Savannah area will depart from ACS at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 315-6816.

EFMP Families invited to spray and splash

Early access hours for Family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program begin next week at both The Springs water spray park and Corkan outdoor pool. The EFMP early access hours at The Springs will be from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and early-access hours at the pool will be 9 to 11 a.m. every Thursday. Advance registration is not necessary; simply sign in when you arrive.

EFMP Families are also invited to participate in the EFMP support group, It's An Exceptional Life, June 19 at Southern Oaks Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 767-5058.

Families learn about the Dogface Soldier

Fort Stewart offers the Dogface Soldier for Families class, teaching you about the history of Fort Stewart, the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, the story behind our mascot Rocky, and much more. The class is held at the Fort Stewart Museum and concludes with an informative museum tour. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register for this Army Family Team Building class, June 18. Also ask about child care information.

Conozca la Fuerza Armada (Meet the Army)

Aprenda los acronimos, beneficios y la estructura de commando de la Fuerza Armada. Esta es una gran manera de relacionarse para alguien que es neuvo, a en la Fuerza Armada, miembros de la familia, soldados, o civiles. (Learn the acronyms, benefits, and command structure of the Army. This is a great introduction for anyone new to the Army, Family members, Soldiers, or civilians.) C

AFTB offers Level I class

Family members, take an Army Family Team Building class, "Meet the Army" in Spanish to learn more about successful Army living. The first session will be offered at Stewart, June 26-27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 767-5058 to

register.

Learn parenting tips

You are your child's first and most important teacher, so what are you teaching your child? At Mirror Image for parents with children ages 1-5, you will learn about the physical, emotional, and social needs of children and how you can help them reach their full potential, 2 to 4 p.m., June 17. Parents with a newborn or those who are expecting will enjoy Baby Talk, focusing on the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant, 5 to 7 p.m., June 17. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart.

Get help finding a job

If you are having difficulty gaining employment, take advantage of the employment training offered through the Employment Readiness Program. A Resume Writing Workshop helps you writing a professional resume to get you noticed by hiring employers, offered at Stewart, June 17, and at Hunter, June 18. Also mark your calendar for Resumix, the "insider's tips" to navigating the federal job site, June 25 and the Employment and Career Orientation workshop, June 26, both at Stewart. Call 767-5058 to sign up for the Employment Readiness classes at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Come learn investing basics at ACS

Investing is easier than you think. Find out more at Basic Investing, a four-session workshop held Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning June 24 at Stewart. You'll learn about the different types of investment options, products, and languages. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register.

Manage finances during PCS move

Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a PCS move and how to avoid pitfalls during your move. Financial Planning for PCS is offered every Thursday at Stewart. At Hunter, the next session is offered June 24. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Parents, children invited to talk money

Summer jobs are fast approaching. What will be left at the end of the summer? What have your children learned from observing your financial habits? Bring your child (any age old enough to understand the value of money) to learn together new ways to build sound money management skills and manage their paycheck or allowance. Learn tips for budgeting, banking, credit, and credit cards. Class will be held at Hunter from 6 to 8 p.m., June 30. Call 315-6816 to register.

Participate in FRG training

FRG training at Stewart this month includes an FRG Basic Course, teaching an overview of Family Readiness Groups, tasks in the deployment cycle, leadership skills, expectations for FRG volunteers, resources, funding, and much more, June 17. Key Caller Training for new or seasoned Key Callers covers communicating with Family members, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the Key Caller fits into a successful FRG, June 24. FRG Treasurer Training covers resources, needs, Army regulations on funding for FRG operations, use of FRG Informal Funds, administrative responsibilities, and funding guidance, also June 24.

For more information or to register for FRG training, please call 767-5058. Also ask about child care.

Moving to Alaska or Hawaii?

Come and learn about your new duty station. You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one. Family members are highly encouraged to attend. Call to 767-5058 to register for the Overseas Briefing at Fort Stewart June 17 or call 315-6816 to sign up for the June 18 briefing at Hunter.

Join Autism/Asperger's support group

If you have a child that has been diagnosed with Autism or Asperger's and are interested in joining a support group, please call ACS at 767-5058.

Learn benefits of volunteering

Family members are invited to learn about installation volunteer opportunities and benefits to volunteering. Call 767-5058 to register for the Installation Volunteer Orientation at Stewart, June 26.

Visit ACS Hunter at new location

The temporary home for Hunter's Army Community Service is 230 Neal Boulevard. Finding ACS is easy – from Wilson Gate, take the third right after the gate; from Rio Gate, turn left onto Wilson Boulevard and then take the first right; and from Montgomery Gate, ACS is located directly across from the cemetery and the bowling alley. Stop in for a visit and to see the many services available for you in the areas of finance, relocation, employment/volunteering, Family and parenting support. For more information, call 315-6816.

Victim Advocate Program can help

The Victim Advocate Program provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Receive information about victim rights and available resources, safety planning, protective orders, safe lodging, support during investigative, medical, and legal proceedings, Command liaison services, and more. Call 767-3032 for more information.

Music, toys and fun for little ones

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) to the Bryan Village Youth Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to spend time playing together. Lead by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the Play Mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. Come on down and see what all the fun is about! Call 767-5058 for more information.

Need to talk?

When you have a lot on your mind, talking it over with a caring knowledgeable person can really make a difference. The Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

The Consultants are available at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and they also offer off-post appointments in the local communities. Call 704-9505, 492-6367, or 492-6428 to request an appointment.

Learn the meaning of fatherhood



Chaplain (Capt.) Greg McVey 385th MP Battalion

If you watch TV or go to the movies, you might think you know what it means to be a "real man." The entertainment world has painted quite a picture of this guy! He is big and burly, totally in control. His money and his "things" define who he is and how others see him. His morals are questionable, but they are right for him -- regardless of how they hurt or offend others. In today's world, the good-looking guy on the Hollywood screen is the personification of a "real man." But if you really want to be a "real man" -- and a great dad, too -- turn off the TV! Stop using the entertainment world to define

what it means to be a real man. Instead, look to God and use His perfect character to help shape who you are as a man, husband and father.

For example, God is: <u>Slow to Anger</u>. **Psalm 103:8** says, "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Over and over again in scripture we see God extending grace to His people, even when they didn't deserve it. Yes, God gets angry at sin. But He puts up with a great deal before reaching his boiling point. Why is this? Because God wants to give us every opportunity to turn from our sin, seek His forgiveness, and obey Him.

Dad, your children will benefit greatly if you are slow to anger. Discipline is necessary. "Boundary setting" is critical. However, giving your children a chance to learn from their mistakes without "blowing up" makes a world of difference. Practice patience. Develop an attitude of mercy and grace with your children that will help them understand

the love of God through your actions, words and responses to their mistakes.

Quick to Forget. Psalm 103:9 says, "He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever." God does not hold a grudge! Psalm 130:3 tells us that if God kept a detailed record of our sins, none of us would ever be able to stand before him. Thankfully, when we seek His forgiveness, He does just that. He forgives. And He forgets.

Dad, what a wonderful characteristic for you to develop when dealing with your children (and your wife, too.) Don't "drudge up" the past and constantly remind your children of how they failed you last week ... last month ... or several years ago. Teach your children the value of wiping the slate clean. By doing this, you will help build their self-esteem; foster security and show great and abiding love.

Filled with Great Love. Psalm 103: 11,12 says, "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so

far hath he removed our transgressions from us." The psalmist tells us that when we ask God to forgive our sins, he removes them as far as the east is from the west. God loves you so much He is willing to forgive even your greatest offenses. He wants to fill your heart with abiding joy and freedom in Him. He wants to rid you of guilt and shame. His heart of love for you is immeasurable.

Dad, this is how much you should love your children. They should never doubt your sincerity and devotion to your Family. They should know where you stand by your actions of love and commitment. You should show love to your Family in the same way God daily displays His never-ending love to you.

You can be a dad who defies the world's expectations of a father. Simply look to God, the ultimate example of the perfect Dad! And don't forget that it is never too late to make the necessary changes in your life to become the dad God wants you to be.

Chapel Schedule Fort Stewart Sunday Mass9 a.m. Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546. Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295. **Hunter Army Airfield Religious Education Contacts** Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789. Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825. Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

 $10{:}30\ a.m.$ - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com





City of Hinesville, Liberty Co. Courthouse Annex & Liberty Co. Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, June 14th & Sunday, June 15th gates open 10 a.m.- 5p.m.

Parking is on Donovan Field with transportation provided to the airport

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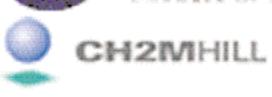
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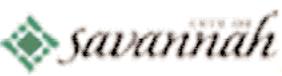








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